## **Mosquito Control for Homeowners**



Properly dispose of all unused tires. Old tires are the #1 habitat for domestic mosquitoes



Ensure that trash cans and recycling containers left outside have drainage holes on the bottom.



Discard unwanted cans, containers and pots.



Change the water in pet bowls and bird baths at least once each week.



Eliminate standing water in potted plant containers and saucers. Avoid using saucers under plant pots.



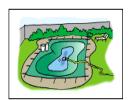
Turn over wheelbarrows, canoes, and buckets. Remove standing water from boat covers and children toys.



Clean leaves and debris out of roof gutters. Clogged gutters are prime mosquito habitat.



Maintain landscaping: keep grass cut low, trim hedges, and remove weeds.



Properly maintain swimming pools, empty unused ones. Remove water from pool covers.



Aerate ponds or stock them with fish.



Empty wading pools at least once each week and turn over unused wading pools.



Cover rain barrels with tight fitting lids or screening.

Source: Montgomery County, Maryland website